Region	State	Elephant Population			
		1993	1997	2002	2007
	West Bengal (North)	186	250	292	300-350
Total for North-East		**11027**	**9482**	**9243**	
East	West Bengal (South)	14	26	36	25
	Jharkhand	550	618	772	624
	Orissa	1750	1800	1841	1862
	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	122
Total for East		**2314**	**2444**	**2649**	**2633**
North	Uttarakhand	828	1130	1582	1346
	Uttar Pradesh	47	70	85	380
Total for North		**875**	**1200**	**1667**	**1726**
South	Tamil Nadu	2307	2971	3052	3867
	Karnataka	5500	6088	5838	4035
	Kerala	3500	3600	3850	6068
	Andhra Pradesh	46	57	74	28
	Maharashtra	-	-	-	7
Total for South		**11353**	**12716**	**12814**	**140005**
Islands	**Andaman & Nicobar**	**35**	**35**	**40**	
Grand Total		**25604**	**22877**	**26413**	
Grand Total minus NE States		**14,577**	**16,395**	**17,170**	**18663**

US passport to an IFS officer

226. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note that an Indian Forest Service Officer in employment of the State of Jammu and Kashmir could manage to secure a US passport after changing his name while retaining his Indian Passport;

(b) if so, whether this matter has been taken up with US Government as also with the State Government concerned and their response thereto; and

(c) the action taken so far by Government against the concerned officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government of Jammu & Kashmir has *vide* letter No. FST/Ser/AA/88-I dated 14.11.2007 reported to the Ministry of Environment & Forests that one Indian Forest Service(IFS) officer of J&K cadre namely Shri Aijaz Ahmad Bhat @ Shah was

arrested by the Crime Branch of J&K Police on 18th of September, 2007 and a case [FIR No. 68/2007 PS Crime Branch Kashmir] has been registered against him on the charges of possessing United States Passport and citizenship without the knowledge of Government authorities while he was holding the Indian Passport and citizenship.

(b) Government of Jammu & Kashmir has also reported that the Inspector General CID of J&K Government *vide* his letter No. CID/PP/B00815/SGr-5700-01 dated 20.09.2007 brought the facts of the case to the notice of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

(c) Government of Jammu & Kashmir has also reported that the officer has been placed under suspension *vide* Government Order No. 538-FST of 2007 dated 22.10.2007 and the matter is under investigation by the Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police

Green House Gas emissions

227. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Government's policy/approach on the issue of Green House Gas emissions in our country; and

(b) the steps Government is taking to promote awareness of Global Warming in Indian and the measures Government is taking to reduce the Green House Gas emissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMONARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Even though India as a developing country does not have any mitigation commitments, nevertheless, a sustainable development path is being followed through a range of policies and programmes to mitigate climate change and reduce carbon emissions. Some of the steps taken by the Government include *inter alia:*

(i) Setting up of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and encouraging energy conservation and introduction of energy efficiency labeling.

(ii) promoting use of renewable energy.

(iii) power sector reforms and active renewable energy programme.

(iv) use of cleaner and lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport.

(v) fuel switching to cleaner energy.

(vi) afforestation and conservation of forests

(vii) promotion of clean coal technologies.

(viii) reduction of gas flaring.

(ix) Encouraging Mass Rapid Transport systems.

(x) environment quality management for all sectors.

The National Environment Policy 2006 of Ministry of Environment & Forests *inter alia* addresses the issue of global warming. The following comprise essential elements of India's response to climate change.

(a) Adherence to the principle common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities of different countries in respect of both mitigation of Green House Gases (GHGs), and adaptation measures